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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This Application has been examined. The claims 1-6 are pending. The examination results are as following.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-2 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schiefer et al. (US 6,177,922).

Regarding claim 1, Schiefer et al. disclose in figures 1-4, a flat panel display device (140) with a multi-timing controller (DCLK, DEN, DHSYNC, DVSYN, fig.3) comprising a display standard (see VGA, XGA timing compatible displays, see column 5, lines 53-55); an interface (130, figure 1) receiving a timing data inputted from the exterior thereof and a control signal corresponding to the display standard; a timing controller (330) for latching and outputting the timing data inputted from the interface, and for generating and outputting timing signals for driving the liquid crystal display panel based on the control signal; and a driving circuit for receiving the timing signals outputted from the timing controller to display a picture corresponding to the display standard, wherein said timing controller includes a decoder (120, fig. 1) and a timing generator (430, fig. 4), wherein timing generation information corresponding to a plurality of display standards is stored by the decoder (see displays of VGA, XGA, see col.

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5., lines 53-55 2), wherein the decoder (120) may output to the timing generator, timing information corresponding to the timing data, and wherein timing generator outputs timing signals corresponding to the timing information and the control signal (see column 11, lines 46-60). However, Schiefer et al. does not disclose that the display device is a liquid crystal display. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention to have the flat display panel is a liquid crystal display, because the background of the invention does teach that the flat panel display which includes liquid crystal display (see Schichiefer et al., see col. 1., lines 46-47).

Regarding claim 2, Schiefer et al. discloses that the display device further comprising a dip switch (see lock event, see col. 17, lines 3-15) for selecting the timing data corresponding to the display standard.

Regarding claim 6, Schiefer et al. discloses wherein the display standard is selected from SVGA (see col. 6, lines 8-9).

3. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schiefer et al. (US 6,177,922) in view of Barshinger (US 5,049,864).

Schiefer et al. discloses every feature of the claimed invention as discusses above. However, Schiefer et al. does not disclose wherein the decoder consists of a memory for storing certain timing information and a multiplexor for selecting any one of the timing information stored in the memory. Barshinger discloses in figure 1, the LCD (26, 28, 30) having decoder and mutiplexer (22) are stored in the memory (14, see column 4, lines 6-15). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the teachings of the LCD having decoder and mutiplexer are stored in the memory as taught by

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Barshinger into the system of Schiefer et al. because this would be made available to the decoder as 8 bit numbers (see column 4, lines 29-33).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 4-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The present invention is directed a liquid crystal display device with a multi-timing controller comprising a liquid crystal display panel having a display standard receiving a timing data inputted from the exterior thereof and a control signal corresponding to the display standard; a timing controller for latching and outputting the timing data inputted from the interface, and for generating and outputting timing signals for driving the liquid crystal display panel based on the control signal; and a driving circuit for receiving the timing signals outputted from the timing controller to display a picture corresponding to the display standard, wherein said timing controller includes a decoder, and a timing generator, wherein timing generation information corresponding to a plurality of display standards is stored by the decoder. The combination of Schiefer et al. (US 6,177,922) and Barshinger (US 5,049,864) show a similar system having multi-timing controller and a plurality of display standards is stored by a decoder. However, they fail to teach wherein the timing generator includes a first controller for generating the timing signal corresponding to the timing information selected from the decoder, a second, a

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third, a fourth, and a fifth controller for always equally keeping the polarity of the horizontal/vertical synchronizing signal as claim 4.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, and 6 filed on 6-28-04 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimnhung Nguyen whose telephone number (703) 308-0425.

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Kimnhung Nguyen
December 29, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexander Eisen', with a stylized, cursive script.

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